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### SFF RETREAT: SPIRITUAL SUCCESS -- Robert D. Wolfe

Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Worrall, Baltimore, Maryland, and the Reverend Henry Hein, Peoria, Illinois, the second annual SFF Retreat, held July 6-12, on the beautiful campus of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, was definitely "a thing of beauty" for the more than one hundred participants who gathered from Alaska to Texas and from the Atlantic to the Pacific in a great SOUL MEETING on spiritual healing and other gifts.

Those attending were actively and joyfully engaged in a full daily schedule which began with Group Meditation at 7:30 A.M., and lasted well beyond the scheduled 9:00 P.M. closing.

The Retreat was so well planned and carried through in such a spirit of unity, expressing the fact that God is Love, that the participants frequently voiced the same opinions about the value of the Retreat to their lives.

Many persons felt they were directed to this Retreat, various things having fallen into place just at the last minute to allow them to attend.

The lectures given by the Worrall's and the other areas conducted by them were extremely successful. The comments verify this statement. "It was wonderful to have such excellent instruction directly from personal experience rather than theories from books." "Appreciated the wonderful balance using scientific method applied to the data of spiritual experience." "I enjoyed Ambrose's lectures showing what science has done and what can be done. I hope to carry some of this home to those in and near my family who are scientific." "He made it clear that it is, and why, intellectually respectable and scientifically correct to say 'God is Love'." "One could feel the positive vibrations of anticipation throughout the lectures and the gifted Worrall's kept sustaining us in their high levels." "The specificness of Mr. Worrall's instruction on 'entering the silence' to discover God's intentions and God's Spiritual Gifts with which we are each respectively endowed, was better than all the books written about meditation!" "We have appreciated the humanness of the Worrall's and their delightful relationship to one another." Others were impressed with the "spontaneous evidential clairvoyance of Olga Worrall" and the "psychic pictures showing proof of mediumship." Many appreciated the emphasis on simplicity in the practice of religion and development of spiritual gifts.

The small group discussions held late in the afternoons were also a valuable part of the Retreat. At least two meetings were devoted to small-group seances. Participants evaluated this structure of the workshop in these words: "For me, the high points of the Retreat have been---our blessed small groups-" "From the very beginning, our group felt an affinity towards each other." "I've never met so many God-centered people at one

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time." "It was a joy to be with so many people who are interested in spiritual growth and are willing to discuss it openly." "It was inspiring to be with the Worrall's and to see their book come to life." Two meetings were marked by several members feeling the presence of spirit. Several members were able to see auras, strong healing vibrations were felt by many. Two highlights were the seances, the largest ever held insofar as the Worrall's know. These were attended by over one hundred persons, many receiving clairvoyant impressions.

A collection of strangers on Monday morning, we were by Tuesday night, a unity of warm personal friends. "SFF is a very necessary, God-directed organization." "The whole week opened new vistas of thought. With so many like-minded individuals, there must be truth. Wish we could bring the joyful knowledge of survival into the churches."

Thus the comments and the feelings ran! Such was the effect of the workshop, a thing of beauty--its loveliness increasing in our minds as we recreate the eventful week from time to time.

#### WORRALL'S COMMENT ON SEMINAR

We want to congratulate Henry Hein for the superb organizational ability he has demonstrated in the management of this seminar. The participants put their hearts and minds into the effort and this contributed in no small measure to the spiritual success of this venture. We, as leaders, express our appreciation of the love and good fellowship that was showered upon us. We feel that our lives have been greatly enriched by the response and enthusiasm of our comrades in search of knowledge. The guidance and help of God was in evidence everywhere, and we are thankful that conditions permitted all to feel the presence. Ambrose and Olga Worrall

The only recommendations for the next Retreat are: More definite directions for travel and accommodations, more books to sell, more demonstrations by gifted speakers and some way to get enthused participants to bed at a reasonable hour!

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#### BRITISH AND AMERICAN COMMUNICATION!

Rev. Paul L. Higgins has been named Liaison Officer between Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship and the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies in England. He has appointed a committee to correspond with representatives of the British group to help strengthen ties between the two groups. Our members on this committee are: Dr. W. Fraser Strachan, Medical Section; Mrs. Carolyn Douglas, Spiritual Healing Section; Dr. L. Richard Batzler, Schools and Colleges Section; Mrs. Joan Kimmel, Prayer and Meditation Section; Mrs. Mary Sharp, Psychical Research Section.

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SPECIAL THANKS to Betty Taylor for the Conference pictures used in the June issue of Newsletter. Miss Taylor, of New York City, snapped these photos at the Park Ridge meeting, providing a memorial record of that event.

#### President Sweeny Names Library Committee:

Rev. Paul L. Higgins is the Chairman of the Library Committee. Serving with him are: Rev. George Wright, Miss Rochelle Smith, Rev. Frank Considine, and Mr. Gerald Loe.

This committee will make available, through the Newsletter, the names of new books in the lending library. The 1969 catalog of Books and Tape Recordings has been published and copies can be secured at the office. The committee will select new titles to be put on sales service list. Several books published in England by the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies, will be stocked in our Evanston office.

The first addition to the sales list is Ralph Knight's, Learning to Talk to the World Beyond---\$6.50. Please add 25¢ for handling and postage. Illinois residents add 5% sales tax.



### ATTENTION DALLAS!

A fellow Texan would like to hear from those of you who are interested in forming a prayer laboratory in your area. You may contact her at her home:

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6423 Del Norte Lane  
Dallas, Texas 75225  
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A HANDSOME NEWCOMER, Psychic magazine, has joined the publications relating to SFF interests. The first issue appeared in June. Printed on "slick" with many pictures, many in color, Psychic will appear bi-monthly. Aimed at straightforward reportage of informative material in a sophisticated, colorful and entertaining manner of every aspect of psychic phenomena and related topics, it is for the curious, the interested, and the knowledgeable. Editor-Publisher James Grayson Bolen is a member of SFF. We wish him well in this new venture. A year's subscription, \$3.80, may be ordered from: Psychic, P.O. Box 26289, Custom House, San Francisco, California 94126.

### WELCOME MEMPHIS!

Mr. C. Edwin Pearson is the acting chairman of this new chapter. Serving with him are: Mrs. W.B. Clark, Mrs. W.D. Sanders, Owen D. Massie and the Rev. Raymond Patterson. Good luck to Memphis, Tennessee!

### MOHNTON, PA. - Rev. L. W. Althouse

This newly-formed chapter has announced that their plans for 1969-70 will include four public lectures, four to six meetings for SFF members only, and the formation of study and development groups.

### DETROIT CHAPTER - Betty Maxam

A family retreat picnic wound up all activity and ushered in a summer of rest & sun, to be followed by a fall program of outstanding speakers. Tune in on SFF national network of silent prayer at 9:00 P.M. daily for a world of peace and for the sick and needy.

### SPIRITUAL HEALER OF INTERNATIONAL FAME - to be in OMAHA in September

The event the Nebraska Chapter has long been waiting for will be realized Sept. 8-19. During that time, Rev. Noel Street, Spiritual Healer, Clairvoyant and reincarnation consultant, will lecture, teach, demonstrate and give private readings.

Rev. Street is a native of England and a resident of New Zealand. He is past president of New Zealand Chapter of the National Federation of Spiritual Healers. His work, Pathway to Spiritual Healing, was book of the month in June 1966 and is on sale for \$3.50 through the Nebraska Chapter of SFF. Mrs. Shirlee Kountze is librarian. Anyone in the Nebraska area wishing a private appointment with Rev. Street should contact Mrs. Gail Lee 2219 S. 123rd Street in Omaha.

### CHARLOTTE CHAPTER - Dorothy Guion

This chapter had an opportunity to personally meet and hear Mr. Harold Sherman. On August 1 and 2, he lectured on "Your Mysterious Powers of ESP" and enjoyed a Friday night fish dinner. It was a refreshing week-end for all.

### CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Mrs. Helen Bierstein reports the Harrisburg-Middletown Area Chapter in Pennsylvania has changed its name to Central Pennsylvania Area Chapter--"since we have expanded, the former name was no longer suitable.

On Tuesday, September 23, the Rev. William Rauscher will speak at Boyd Center in Harrisburg.

### ATLANTA CHAPTER - Mrs. Robert Miller

The four lectures given in Atlanta on June 27, 28 and 29, by Ambrose and Olga Worrall were enormously successful and well received. There was vast interest in their "Evidence of Survival" topic. On Sept. 26, there will be a members only meeting featuring the Rev. William Brown who will speak on etheric therapy at Northwest Presbyterian Church, 4300 NW Drive at 8:00.

S.F.F. Study Series: THE PARANORMAL IN THE BIBLE  
Lesson 7 -- September 1969

Subject: APPARITIONS

--Prepared by Susy Smith

I. Definition:

An apparition need not necessarily be confused with a ghost, although the two terms are usually used interchangeably. There are several types of ghosts: the spooky, sheet-draped, chain-clanking entity of fiction, which rarely appears in fact; the haunting type ghost, which is more likely a memory picture in the atmosphere than an actual entity with a consciousness of itself; the hallucination, in which bad dreams, or the expectation of seeing a ghost may frighten a person into thinking he has seen one; and the true apparition which looks and acts like the deceased entity it purports to be and seems to be conscious and aware of where it is and what it is doing.

The apparition can sometimes be as actual, as solid, and as uniquely human as the individual represented ever was while encased in physical flesh. These are manifestations or materializations of the spirit of the deceased entity in a body which is identical with the physical body now buried in the ground. There is considerable evidence that many apparitions have appeared in this type of manifestation of their actuality. They have spoken in their normal voices, and have felt as solid to the touch as any human body. It is in such a form as this that Jesus appeared during that period of time when he was seen on earth again after his burial in the tomb. He was no hallucination, or ghost, or spectral visitant. He was himself, his own conscious mind and spirit in a materialized representation of his former physical body.

II. Biblical references:

Jesus' appearance after his resurrection are recorded in the New Testament as follows:

1. To Mary Magdalene in the early morning - Mark 16:9-10.
2. To the other women in the early morning - Matthew 28:9-10.
3. To two of them as they walked into the country - Mark 16:12-12 and Luke 24:13-32.
4. To Peter, sometime that day - Luke 24:34.
5. To the Eleven, that night - Mark 16:14, Luke 24:35-, John 20:18-.
6. To the Eleven a week later when Thomas was present - John 20:26-31.
7. To the Seven beside the Sea of Galilee - John 21.
8. To the Eleven in Galilee - Matthew 28:16-20.
9. To James, time and place unknown - I Corinthians 15:7.
10. Final appearance, Ascension - Mark 16:19, Luke 24:44-, Acts 1:3-, Later Jesus made a special appearance to Saul.

III. Comments:

Almost any of the recent books of case histories in the field of ESP gives numerous incidents, many of them authenticated by several witnesses or by corroborative testimony of various kinds, that are similar to those reported in the Bible by individuals who saw Jesus returned to earth. Sometimes the veridical (or authentic) apparition may have appeared in an

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effort to impart information. Sometimes he has shown himself in an obvious effort to prove he has survived death and is able to make a return appearance. Purposeful apparitions are much more commonplace than is generally known.

IV. Suggestions for individual and/or group study:

1. Besides the accounts of Jesus' resurrection, what other biblical stories of apparitions can you list?
2. Were they actual apparitions or ghosts of a different kind? What kind?
3. What experiences have you personally had that are comparable to any of these stories about the biblical apparitions?
4. Are there any stories about apparitions in your family history?
5. Have you always thought of apparitions as scary, white entities moaning and groaning?  
Is this a true or false concept?
6. Can you define the other types of apparitions we have discussed here and explain the difference between them and a true apparition.

V. Bibliography: (Most of the books listed below that are available in hard-cover are on loan from the SFF Loan Library. Paperbacks may be purchased at nominal cost.)

Ebon, Martin - Communicating With the Dead, New American Library, 1968

Smith, Alson J. - Immortality

Smith, Susy - Prominent American Ghosts, World Publishing Co., 1967  
(Available in paperback. Dell, 1968)

A Supernatural Primer for the Millions, Sherbourne Press, 1966

Haunted Houses for the Millions, Sherbourne Press, 1967

E S P, paperback, Pyramid Publications, 1962

Thurston, Father Herbert - Ghosts and Poltergeists

Westwood, Horace - There Is a Psychic World

White, Stewart Edward - The Unobstructed Universe and "The Betty Books".

Wickland, Carl - Thirty Years Among the Dead

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Susy Smith, the author of this months lesson, is well-known for her many books and magazine articles in the field of psychic phenomena.

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Editor's Note: We solicit comments and suggestions regarding these monthly Newsletter lessons. Also, we solicit the names of persons interested in submitting text for lessons. If interested in preparing a lesson write to the editor for a list of topics as yet unassigned. - C. Leslie Palmer, Editor  
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CLEVELAND - Walter Ermer

The Cleveland Chapter was honored and deeply impressed by the lecture, "The Gift of Healing", by Ambrose and Olga Worrall at the Old Stone Church on June 23, 1969. The hall was filled by five hundred members and guests without a seat to spare.

The lecture and psychic pictures shown by the Worrall's held the audience spell-bound and even with all those present, you could have heard a pin drop during the "Quiet Time" at 9:00 P.M., when we tuned in on the Worrall's national network of silent prayer.

To the Worrall's: Cleveland says, Godspeed and come back soon.

PLAN NOW FOR NEXT SUMMER'S VACATION

A fifteen day Seminar Tour to Scotland and England for members of Spiritual Frontiers is planned by Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Higgins for July 20 to August 3, 1970. The shrines of Lindisfarne and Glastonbury will be visited and there will be nine days in London with five morning Seminar sessions led by distinguished English speakers from the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies. The group will be limited in number, and anyone interested in a brochure should write: Rev. and Mrs. Higgins, 212 Sherman Street, Joliet, Illinois 60433.

The New York City group is also planning a 1970 summer trip to England to visit famous sights and noted psychics. For further information write: Betty Taylor, Penthouse, 38 W. 31st Street, New York, New York 10001.

TAPES NOT LISTED IN THE CATALOG:

- #73 - Douglas Johnson at United Methodist Church, Baltimore, March 7, 1969 "The Mechanics of Mediumship and Psychic Development"
- #74 - Arthur Ford lecture in Charlotte, N.C., March 15, 1969, Queens College "How to Organize an SFF Group"
- #75 - Ambrose and Olga Worrall, May 10, 1969 "Spiritual Healing"
- #76 - #81 Covering the 1969 SFF Conference in Park Ridge, Illinois.
- #76 - Side 1 "Prayer and the Psychical" by Louise Eggleston  
"Meditative Prayer" by Rev. Paul Wilkinson, May 16, 1969  
Side 2 Rev. Wilkinson concluded, also "Prayer with the Other Side" by Rev. Wm. Rauscher, May 16, 1969
- #77 - Side 1 Rev. James Flanagan, May 17, 1969 also "Spiritual Adventure" by Rev. Ross K. Sweeny  
Side 2 "The Role of Prayer in World Peace" by Glenn Harding, May 16, 1969  
"The Celebration of the Communion of Saints" by Paul Higgins, May 16, 1969  
(to be concluded next month)

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